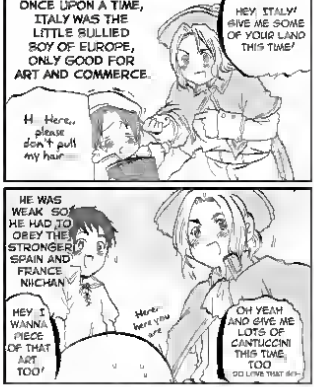
Axis Power
Hetalia
Chibitalia
I'll do anything, please don't hurt me.


ONCE UPON A TIME, ITALY WAS THE LITTLE BULLIED BOY OF EUROPE, ONLY GOOD FOR ART AND COMMERCE.
HEY, ITALY! GIVE ME SOME OF YOUR LAND THIS TIME!
H... Here, please don't pull my hair...
HE WAS WEAK SO HE HAD TO OBEY THE STRONGER: SPAIN AND FRANCE NHCHAN
HEY I WANNA PIECE OF THAT ART TOO!
Here, here you are
OH YEAH AND GIVE ME LOTS OF CANTUCCINI THIS TIME, TOO
DO LOVE THAT BIS-
A/N: CANTUCCINI = ITALIAN BISCUITS

Eeek!
Let me go!
ALL RIGHT? GOOD BOY GOOOD BOY! AS A REWARD I'LL PLAY WITH YOU!
YOU REALLY DON'T GET RIGGED AT ALL-

EVEN SO, ITALY STILL HAD A TRUSTED ALLY
YOU TWO, LET GO OF ITALY NOW!!
WELL, HE DOES NOTHING BUT PAINT SO HE'S NOT GROWING MUCH?

OR MAYBE NOT
ITALY WILL BECOME THE ROMAN EMPIRE WITH ME!
Zzzz...
The Holy Roman Empire

Let's revive the Roman Empire together
Protecting paintings~
Hm
Brothers? Were brothers?
Give me it~~~

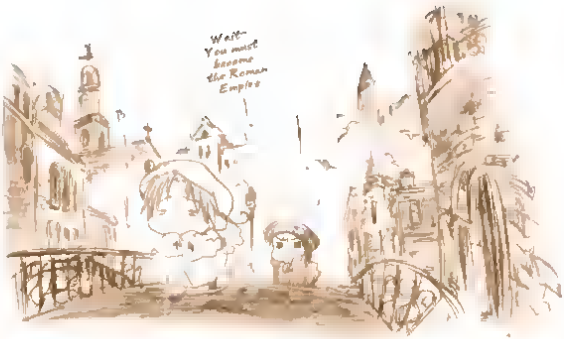
He lived in a house called the Roman Empire (next door to France-nuchan) with a lot of other countries
A long long time ago, when Italy was born

Grandpa took Italy and left the house
One day... however,

Italy was very good at painting, so Grandpa was very happy
He lived for a while with only his Grandpa, painting, singing, and passing time.

Painting is so much fun~! It feels so much like the renaissance~ I want to show it to France-nuchan and the Roman Empire and the brother I've never met~!
"I wish I could show everyone soon~"
And so Italy thought,

EVERY-ONE HAD TURNED INTO BULLIES
Brother! Surely I'm worth more than him.
Hey!
HOWEVER, BY THE TIME HE MET THEM AGAIN


Wait— You must become the Roman Empire

Sometimes even his brotherly act is more than I can stand
JUST STOP HARASSING ITALY ALREADY HOLY ROMAN EMPIRE!
YOU TOO ITALY THERE'LL BE NO END TO THE BULLYING IF YOU KEEP LETTING HIM DO IT

EVERYTHING WILL BE FINE IF YOU'LL JUST COME WITH ME
But, but the Holy Roman Empire is scary ..
But Grandpa, sniff I can't do that

THEN I'LL HAVE TO USE FORCE...
drag
drag
drag
HEY! DID YOU HEAR WHAT I SAID-!?

WELL... I'VE ALWAYS THOUGHT YOU WERE QUITE A NASTY KID
SAME HERE.
WHY DON'T WE LEAVE THOSE GUYS ALONE AND HAVE SOME CHURROS?

■ Chibitalia Holy Roman Empire and France ■

Although he dubbed himself the Holy Roman Empire in out of adulation for the Roman Empire the Holy Roman Empire was not Rome It appears he went around stalking Italy and making ambiguous "Won t you join me?" threats *laughs* His dream was to create a unified Holy Roman kingdom made of Italian and German people

Feeling quite scandalized by the matter France and Spain would often call out "Stop making passes at Italy!" Though it wouldn t be the Holy Roman Empire if he listens

■ Before Italy became the bullied boy ■

After the fall of Rome Italy became a collection of small city-states

You could find everything in Italy back then. Fertile lands, beautiful climate, magnificent culture, history, art, trade, religion. It was a completely enchanting place to be.

But it was **WEAK.**

It was weak even from this era.

From the eyes of the other countries, there's no better trophy in the world. Beginning with France's advance, the rest of the stronger countries began converging to pluck their own piece of Italy

OH MY, OUR CHEERFUL SPAIN LOOKS DEPRESSED! WHAT COULD POSSIBLY BE WRONG?
Eh? Spain-nuchan is looking lonely?
Spain-nuchan, Spain-nuchan, what's the matter?
HUM. OH, IT'S YOU ITA-CHAN I'LL TELL YOU WHAT...
IF THERE'S ANYTHING YOU WANNA DO, GO DO IT NOW
Eh...? Why? Why?
YOU'LL UNDER-STAND SOON ENOUGH

■ The Strongest Bully Appears ■

"All right, Italy is mine!"

Thus France resolved to begin his Italian invasion campaign. Though he said he'd go help putting down troubles in Milan, he went straight to conquer Florence and Naples.

Though he ended up going broke halfway and got stuck in strange places, showing his own brand of uselessness (though France's wallet was in such a state that it'd burst if he so much as farted, anyway) we still think Italy was even more useless than him.

He had absolutely nothing prepared.

And he already knew it months in advance.
Therefore things went downhill from beaten—>surrender rapidly

Italy was already Italy since this time period

■ Why was Nichan so anxious? ■
A little while ago Austria (Habsburg rule) started to swagger about in the Holy Roman household. Austria's plans had already netted him Spain, so France suddenly got stuck in the middle.
(T/N: This is when Habsburg kings ruled both Austria and Spain via marriage plans.)

Feeling antsy, France decided to take over the unspoiled Northern Italy. The Holy Roman Empire and Spain had a few things to say about that, however, and they began their own moves.
That was how the great war for Italian domination started.

1521 1544 AD
THE ITALIAN WAR
I understand now.
NOW THAT'S SETTLED. YOU SHALL BE CONSIDERED A POSSESSION OF AUSTRIA FROM NOW ON.
AUSTRIA SAN
I WILL ARRANGE TO EMPLOY YOU AS A SERVANT SO IT IS ONLY NATURAL
ALSO, I WILL BE DIRECTING ALL MATTERS CONCERNING TRADE, POLITICS AND THE LIKE IN YOUR TERRITORY.
ALL YOU MUST DO IS SWEAR ALLEGIANCE TO ME. DO YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS?
Will we have pasta for dinner or not?
WE WILL NOT

■ Austria-san ■

An aristocratic intelligentsia who not only busied himself with Italy but also controlled the Holy Roman Empire. Loves music more than anything

■ The Italian War ■

A war that turned the entirety of Italy into a bloodbath ...

Lynched on by countries from all over, Italy is torn off piece by piece by the strong countries

And after this, Italy's harsh life as a servant began...

THUS, ITALY CAME TO WORK AS A SERVANT IN THE HOLY ROMAN EMPIRE HOUSEHOLD.
Uuh, this is a bit hard
Hwa... the pictures in Austria-san's house are amazing
I want to paint lots and lots of pictures like before~ I wonder if this place'll have supplies?
There's nothing except ink and a brush. I can't paint anything with.
..oh
Tee hee

■ Italy the Renaissance and ■
Since Italy had to cling to stronger countries to survive it was not a proper time for art This heralds the beginning of the end for the magnificent Renaissance culture

Italy would disappear from the stage of history for many centuries afterwards and because he remained an underling for so long, he never got the chance to expand

By the way it looks like Italy never used his army in this period either "laughs"

Since Italy is very clumsy... he often gets yelled at,
YOU OUGHT TO LEARN SOME SELF-CORRECTION
Austria-san is very strict about rules and regulations

Italy can't help but grow very, very scared of Austria-san.
And any attempts at defiance are swiftly and ruthlessly crushed

So there are times when he adores... Austria-san to no end
MM.
DON'T STAND OUTSIDE LIKE THAT. COME IN AND HAVE A SEAT. TAKE YOUR TIME LISTENING.

He loves all the songs Austria-san plays

■ Austria-san's glorious musical history ■

The Austrian throne poured a great deal of money into arts and music so they were able to gather and support the very best of musicians. The Vienna Boys' Choir is reputed to have been there since the 15th century. That's old...!

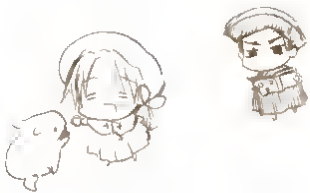
■ Italy and Austria-san ■

Italy did have a number of small rebellions throughout, but they were quickly crushed by Austria's military

I'M HOME I MANAGED TO CONQUER ALL THOSE...
AH!
I... ITALY'S IN MY HOUSE!?
STAAAAAAARE!!
EEEE!
STAAAAARE

I'll do anything please don't hit me...
I'm sorry
Eh?
Huh? Is something wrong?
I DID IT—!!
AHAHAHAHAHA!
Hee
Hee
WAR
WAR
PLEASE QUIET DOWN THIS INSTANT

Well it was his longtime dream



It seems the Holy Roman Empire thought of Rome as his goddess (From a webclap comment)

Although Italy is small, he's in his growing phase. The allotted food he gets just isn't enough. For him.
Could there be pasta in here...?
ORGANIC TRASH
No. I-I can't eat this!
GOURMET
Huh?
Food in such a place...?
So horrible
GOURMET

I TOOK MY EYES OFF YOU FOR A MOMENT AND THERE YOU ARE STEALING FOOD!
HEAVENS, WHAT EVER SHOULD I DO WITH YOU!?
STAY HERE TODAY AND REFLECT UPON YOUR ACTIONS! ARE WE CLEAR!?
Yes, sir
STAAAAARE

Despite her sad circumstances, she was bright and cheerful, a wonderful big sister.
In the Holy Roman Empire household, there lived girl with a similar fate named Hungary-san

AND TODAY, HUNGARY-SAN'S GOING TO DRESS ITALY UP IN HER NATIONAL CLOTHES!
You're so cute, Ita-chan~
This feels kind of wrong, but oh well

Look look~ Hungary-san let me wear this~
Eh? You- why're you wearing

Hey!
Eh, what I'm sorry...

A RAT HERE OF ALL PLACES
Eek!
FOR THE PEACE OF THIS HOUSEHOLD HERE'S I SHOULD GET RID OF IT...
BOOK! IVE NOT HIM CORN SUE!
HEY WAIT!
DON'T RUN YOU
Eek!
WHY MUST I BE SO CLUMSY...
I HAVE NO IDEA

Elsewhere_ the elder Italy brother

While Northern Italy was conquered by the Holy Roman Empire_ Spain managed to conquer the south

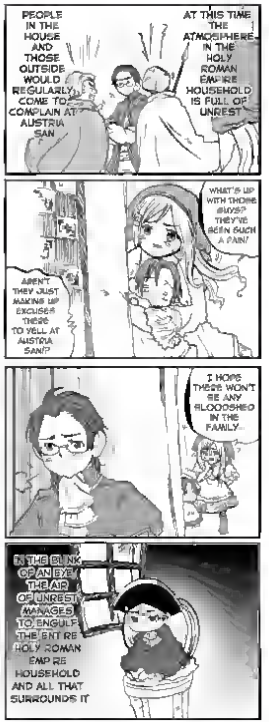
Now that we mention it, maybe the reason South Italy has slow growth even now is because he spent too long a time under the laid back Spanish rule. Since he didn't have to do a thing by himself (heh. feste and siesta) his main assets are still agricultural and tourism, like it was 1000 years ago

The Italian cheer also feels very Spanish. now that I think of it.

I-ITALY UM.. W-WOULD YOU TEACH ME HOW TO PAINT ?
Sure but you're painting Holy Roman Empire?
But it is! Where are you having trouble?
DAMMIT THIS ISN'T TURNING OUT WELL..
THE LEGS
Here, do it like this.
Eh
THAT'S IT FOR ME TODAY

The Renaissance didn t stop with Italy but spread all over Europe The Holy Roman painter Albrecht Dürer was famous wasn t he? 3

The Holy Roman Empire beginning to copy Italy and started painting


PEOPLE IN THE HOUSE AND THOSE OUTSIDE WOULD REGULARLY COME TO COMPLAIN AT AUSTRIA-SAN
AT THIS TIME THE ATMOSPHERE IN THE HOLY ROMAN EMPIRE HOUSEHOLD IS FULL OF UNREST
WHAT'S UP WITH THOSE GUYS? THEY'RE BEEN SUCH A PAIN!
AREN'T THEY JUST MAKING UP EXCUSES THERE TO YELL AT AUSTRIA-SAN!?
I HOPE THERE WON'T BE ANY BLOODSHED IN THE FAMILY
IN THE BLINK OF AN EYE, THE AIR OF UNREST MANAGES TO ENGULF THE ENTIRE HOLY ROMAN EMPIRE HOUSEHOLD AND ALL THAT SURROUNDS IT

YOU GUYS MESS AUSTRIA UP WELL AND GOOD
EH?

I...I'm cleaning properly! I really am! So I'll be alr...
Ah Holy Roman Empire...
H-HEY ITALY
LET'S CREATE THE STRONGEST COUNTRY IN THE WORLD TOGETHER! JUST YOU AND ME.
WON'T YOU BECOME THE ROMAN EMPIRE WITH ME?
ITALY
W-WHAT!? YOU DON'T WANT TO WASTE YOUR LIFE AWAY IN A PLACE LIKE THIS, RIGHT!?
YOU MUST'VE WANTED TO GO BACK TO THE POWERFUL ROMAN EMPIRE, TOO!

He got too big, then, then he fell.
B-but, Grandpa Roman Empire was-
Don't become the Roman Empire
So, please
I like you best the way you are.
I don't want to see you like that. I don't.
Grandpa had scars all over, and they always looked so painful

When I woke up the next morning, only three of us were left in the manor.
AH GOOD MORNING
ITALY, WHY DON'T YOU GO OUT AND FETCH ME A BUCKET OF WATER?
Um... w-where is everyone...?
EH?
NOW!
AUSTRIA-SAN, WHAT REALLY HAPPENED?
A SIMPLE MATTER REALLY
IT APPEARS THAT NOW I AM ALONE

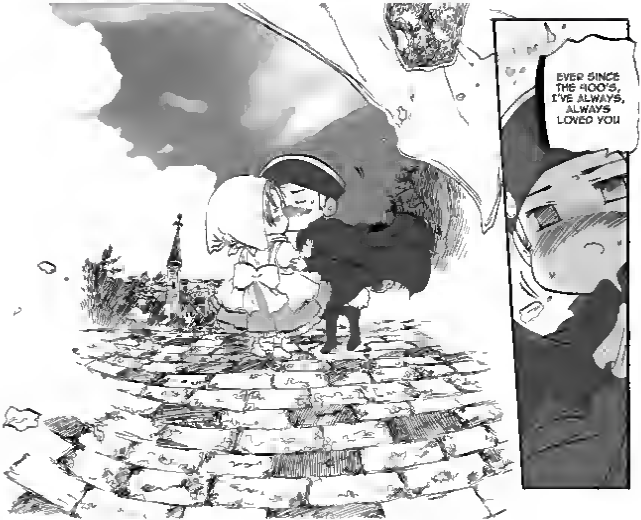
AAH THIS IS THE LAST ONE
HOLY ROMAN, WE'RE ALMOST DONE! LET'S MOVE OUT WHENEVER WE CAN
COULD'VE LEFT THE PAINTINGS BEHIND THEY'RE DIFFICULT TO PACK
WELL THEN WHAT IS IT-? JUST LEAVE IT THERE-
UNH
HUH? WHAT'S THIS? YOUR SWEET HEART? ISN'T THAT SOME A REMAINS
N ..NO
AH

I HEARD ABOUT YOUR SITUATION LOOKS PRETTY DANGEROUS
BUT WE SPANIARDS'LL DO OUR BEST TO HELP YA OUT!
YOU HAVE SO MANY ENEMIES, THOUGH--
WOULD YOU PLEASE SHUT UP!?
AUSTRIA-SAN
CAN IT BE THAT YOU'RE GOING TO FIGHT AGAINST..
THEN I'LL START FROM ITA-CHAN'S HOUSE.

S...STOP! DON'T COME ANY CLOSER!
EH, HOW?!
Oh Holy Roman Empire, you're here!
Morning, mom
EH, UMMM, UM, YEAH, STAY THERE!
H-HOW DO YOU KNOW WHERE I
LOOK ITALY
Holy Roman Empire?
I'VE NO IDEA WHY YOU'D FOLLOW ME. WHEN YOU RUN AWAY IT COME AFTER YOU...
THERE'S SOMETHING I HAVE TO TELL YOU
I I A KE UP EX PA EARLY SO I DIDN'T HAVE TO SEE YOU.
I'M SORRY FOR EVERY THING I DO...
THIS IS GOODBYE SO DON'T WORRY

I...I MEANT WHAT I SAID
HOLY ROMAN EMPIRE
THE CARRIAGE IS ALREADY HERE
W...what do you mean...?
Y...you're really going? No
W...
SO LONG... STAY WELL, ALL RIGHT?
H...Holy Roman Empire!
What should I do...
Wait wait
OH!
Don't go, Holy Roman

I'll give you this
I
PANTIES
Take this Holy Roman Empire, and thank me for it!
WWW-WHAT AIR YOU.
SAY, YOU'RE UNDERWEAR AS A GIFT. THAT MEANS THIS IS A CONFESS.
A kiss I guess?
I SEE
W-WHAT DO YOU PEOPLE GIVE TO THEIR LOVED ONES?
THEN I'LL ALSO
SHAME
ITALY'S PANTIES
T-THANK YOU. I-I ACCEPT YOUR FEEL-INGS.
NO YOU ACCEP-TED HIS PANTIES


EVER SINCE THE 900'S, I'VE ALWAYS, ALWAYS LOVED YOU

It...it's true. It's no lie.
We're so happy!
YEAH
R...really?
I'll make lots and lots of sweets for your return!
Mm, mm I'll wait! I'll always wait!
I'LL DEFINITELY COME SEE YOU WHEN THE FIGHT IS OVER!
F... FAREWELL THEN, ITALY!!
We'll see each other again! We will! We really will!
A-and don't get hurt, or not, all right?

AND SO
THE HOLY
ROMAN
EMPIRE
THREW
ITSELF
INTO
A LONG,
LONG
WAR

Chibitalia

And so Chibitalia the story of Italy s childhood comes to an end Italy s history is full of invasion isn t it ?

After this the Holy Roman Empire was embroiled in a tragic path with the Thirty Years' War I ll write something on this later (— ‾ ") France profitted greatly from this fight

ねぇ…
ねぇってば!!

Note Numerous people have been hammering it into me that No You Idiot HRE Thinks Italy Is A Girl! albeit they put it in much kinder terms than I just did there So after much argument with well-meaning people I went scouring around the site after getting back from work (this chapter itself generously *left everything completely vague* haha)—and there it was He DID think Italy was a girl, although I still think Hungary and Austria knew about it. SO this is a deep bow an I Am Sorry I Have the Memory of a Gnat, and a big thank you for everyone who corrected me even if I argued with you at the time

For anyone who s yet to read the thing just replace the he s in the very last panel with she's!

NOTE 2 Fixed- thanks to my wonderful editor!